

**AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE FAUQUIER COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS WAS HELD**

JANUARY 26, 1999 AT 7:00 P.M.

IN THE AUDITORIUM AT WARRENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

P R E S E N T Mr. David C. Mangum, Chairman; Mr. Larry L. Weeks, Vice Chairman; Mr. Wilbur W. Burton; Mr. James R. Green, Jr.; Mr. Joe Winkelmann; Mr. G. Robert Lee, County Administrator; Mr. Paul S. McCulla, County Attorney

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Burton moved to adopt the agenda subject to removing A Resolution to Adopt the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors Top Priorities for Calendar Year 1999. Mr. Winkelmann seconded, and the vote for the motion was unanimous as follows:

*Ayes: Mr. Larry L. Weeks; Mr. Joe Winkelmann; Mr. Wilbur W. Burton;
Mr. James R. Green, Jr.;
Mr. David C. Mangum*

Nays: None

Absent During Vote: None

Abstention: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUM

A public information forum was held to receive citizen comments and/or questions regarding issues relating to Fauquier County. The following people spoke:

Jim Legg – Spoke regarding inadequate sports facilities for youth. Larry Miller said that the Parks and Recreation Board was currently working with several groups to get more fields open. Mr. Winkelmann said that he would be meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board on this issue. Mr. Weeks said that the New Baltimore Planning Committee was working on this as an area for development proffers.

Dennis McMullen – Said that posted zoning signs are too small. The County should require larger signs. Mr. McMullen also said that the Board should not consider last minute changes to development requests and all information submitted should be in layman's terms for better understanding by citizens. He asked if the developers of the Waterfield project could sue the County for

not providing sewer. Paul McCulla said that the Waterfield developers could not sue the County because it was not under the current proffer agreement.

Mara Seaforest-Charbonia – Safety is a priority for Route 28 in the plans being submitted. She asked if this was the Board's priority. All Board members and Milton Thatcher from the Virginia Department of Transportation said that safety was a priority. Ms. Seaforest-Charbonia asked why the recommendations of the Route 28 Coalition were not taken into account if safety was a priority since these recommendations were very good. Mr. Thatcher said that some of the recommendations were being implemented.

Dick Whiting – Spoke in favor of the Auburn Dam. He said that he felt it would be an asset.

Edwin Gulick – Spoke in favor of the Auburn Dam. He said that it was the third and last structure to complete the Cedar Run Watershed Project.

Dave Botts – Spoke in favor of the Auburn Dam. He said that he was anxious to see the project completed.

Leslie Gene Hinegardner – Spoke in favor of the Auburn Dam for water and flood control. Mr. Hinegardner also spoke in favor of widening Route 28.

Kathleen King – Thanked the Board for having the public information forum. She felt that the problem in the County was balancing the needs of growth and quality of life. Ms. King asked that the Board look at the County's natural resources and infrastructure and not allow more development than can be handled with these resources, unless the developer pays.

Peter Jackson – Representing landowners in Snow Hill, Mr. Jackson gave a slide presentation regarding the New Baltimore Convenience Site. He said the property owner wanted the site moved. Mr. Jackson said that the second entrance to Snow Hill would be put in next to the convenience site. He is afraid that the site could contaminate the stream that runs through the area. Mr. Jackson asked what plans the County had to move the site. Mr. Weeks said that the County had a \$70,000 program to relocate the site if the money stays in the budget. The plan is to open an area in front of the landfill for a recycling/convenience area.

JoAnn Stanley – A resident of Snow Hill, Ms. Stanley is concerned about the New Baltimore Convenience Site. She said that it seemed everything is being deposited at this site, that the traffic to and from the site has increased. Ms. Stanley asked what could be done in the meantime to alleviate these problems. Ellis Bingham said that this was a top priority and that a recommendation would be forthcoming to the Board of Supervisors at

a work session scheduled February 16.

Dave Dodge – Mr. Dodge is a resident of Snow Hill and is concerned about the New Baltimore convenience site. Randy Wheeler said that one option the County is considering is to open a "super site" at the landfill to alleviate some traffic and use at the existing site.

John King – Spoke regarding his concern about a recent newspaper article regarding the proposed 800 MHz radio system. Mr. Weeks said that two studies by professionals had been conducted on this radio system as well as having a committee appointed to study the issue. He said that the article was from a citizen voicing his particular opinion about the system. Mr. Weeks also announced that there would be a public information forum similar to tonight's forum dealing exclusively with the 800 MHz radio system on March 23.

David Van Luven – Asked why the citizens of the County could not vote for all five members of the Board of Supervisors since the Supervisors make decisions that affect all. Paul McCulla said that this was dictated by the Code of Virginia. Fauquier County operates under the traditional form of government. The form of government is changed through the General Assembly. He said that the Justice Department looks very carefully at at-large elections. Mr. Van Luven asked what happened to the overpass planned for Route 29. Milton Thatcher said that this was a conceptual plan and that nothing was on paper.

Harold Dutton – Thanked the Board of Supervisors for conducting the forum. He asked that the Comprehensive Plan be revised, especially the service district concept. Mr. Dutton said that citizens of the Catlett/Calverton/Midland area had petitioned the Board of Supervisors to change this area from "service district" to "village district" in order to get help with the sewer problem. Mr. Weeks said that Rick Carr would work with Mr. Burton to verify signatures on the petition.

Scott Seegers – Mr. Seegers said that if the taxpayers are paying for the emergency radio equipment, it should be maintained properly. He asked if there would be a tour of the radio equipment facility as requested by Bill Weber. Mr. Weeks said that he did not believe that the request was for a tour but was for a particular group to be endorsed by the Board to an inquiry. The County Administrator will send a letter to the Joint Communications Center to determine if allegations merit further study.

Kitty Smith – Spoke on water supply and usage as well as sewer in the New Baltimore Service District.

Peter Roelofs – Stated that the County needed more sports fields to support

Parks and Recreation activities. He also asked that the Board of Supervisors not cut the Parks and Recreation budget.

Frank Ott – Said that he felt farmers were worse off now than in the Great Depression of 1930. He asked why the School Superintendent was paid over \$100,000 and the Assistant Superintendent over \$80,000; why the Sheriff's Department had more deputies than any county between here and California; why the Fire and Rescue Coordinator was taking over the farms. Paul McCulla explained the agriculture exemption contained in the Fauquier County Burning Ordinance.

Maxwell Bowen – Asked what the County was saving on school buses, and sheriff's cars. Mr. Winkelmann said that the Board had created the Budget Development and Oversight Committee and that this committee would be looking for savings.

Julian Scheer – Said that this was the ninth Board and eighth president to deal with the Auburn Dam. He said there were only three landowners affected by the Dam that were in favor; the majority are opposed. Mr. Scheer said that he believed there were no federal funds available for the project and that there never would be.

Arrabelle Arrington – Spoke in favor of the Auburn Dam. She asked if federal funds would pay a sizable share of the project. Mark Cornwell said that federal funds would pay 82.2%, with the County paying 100% for water supply. Ms. Arrington said that people in Calverton were tricked into signing Harold Dutton's petition. She also said that she was in favor of widening Route 28. Mr. Burton asked if federal funds were available for the Auburn Dam project. Mark Cornwell said that he had not received any information to the contrary. Mr. Winkelmann said that the County should verify that funds are available.

Sharon McCamy – Said that establishing the New Baltimore Planning Committee was an excellent idea. She said that she felt the County should move to a multi-year budget because economies occur on a larger scale. Ms. McCamy said that she was opposed to a tax increase. She said that she felt there was a need for better data on groundwater resources countywide published for review. Ms. McCamy also thanked the Board of Supervisors for conducting the forum.

Bill Downey – Thanked the Board of Supervisors for conducting the forum. He asked where the SOL tests come from and why the county was held to standards. Mr. Downey said that the company that does these tests is a text book company. Ernie Gray explained that the SOL's come from the State Department of Education and that the schools need to improve on these tests or lose accreditation. He said that there have been problems and

solutions identified.

Walter Hitchcock – Asked what happened to the Rural Areas Land Use Plan. He suggested that more trees be planted along the roads to mitigate impact; need more cooperation with Parks and Recreation and Town to develop recreation facilities; and need more biking facilities to make roads safer. Mr. Hitchcock also expressed concern about the administration of the group home in Remington. He thanked the Board of Supervisors for conducting the forum. Jim Green said that the Rural Plan will be reviewed and considered by the Board in February.

Beth Ledgerton, Treasurer; **Ross D'Urso**, Commissioner of the Revenue; **Billy Harris**, Clerk of the Circuit Court – Thanked all citizens who attended the public information forum and invited all to stop by their respective offices if they had questions or concerns.

Jonathan Lynn, Commonwealth's Attorney – Said that he has enjoyed thirteen years of public service. He said that he was impressed with the dedication and service of County employees. Mr. Lynn asked that more recreational facilities be provided for youth because those active in recreational programs do not end up in the criminal justice system.

Joe Higgs, Sheriff – Said that juveniles in recreational programs are not problem children; Route 28 is being patrolled to enforce speed limit as much as possible; Route 28 is an unsafe road; misinformation is out about the emergency radio system; Sheriff's department is understaffed.

Members of the Board of Supervisors thanked all citizens and staff for attending the forum.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.